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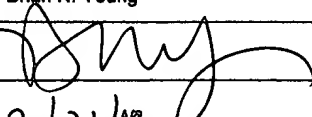
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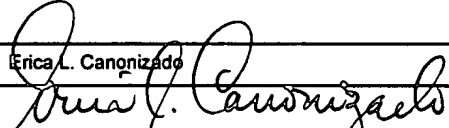
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According to an embodiment of the present invention, provisioning work flow subsystem 163 is also configured to await the activation of services for a specific customer at 220. Upon connection to an assigned loop by a customer, the exemplary provisioning work flow subsystem detects a connect CPE and thus a loop is "discovered." At 222 in Figure 3, the connection of a residential gateway (i.e., RG) to an assigned loop will be detected by the provisioning work flow subsystem according to an embodiment of